

# **BOSTON REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Jamey Tesler, Acting MassDOT Secretary and CEO and MPO Chair Tegin L. Teich, Executive Director, MPO Staff

Agenda posted before 5:00 PM, June 10, 2021

## **TIP Project Cost Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

June 17, 2021, 10:00 AM (Estimated duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes, expected ending at 11:30 AM)

Please note: This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) beginning at approximately 9:00 AM.

Zoom Video Conferencing Platform: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83869702702

To connect via phone, dial one of the toll-free phone numbers 877.853.5257 or 888.475.4499; follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID. The Meeting ID is 83869702702.

## **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Discussion of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Cost Trends, Matt Genova, MPO Staff: Presentation and discussion of cost trends and causes of cost increases for past TIP-funded projects
- 4. Discussion of Peer MPO Practices for TIP Project Benchmarking, Matt Genova, MPO Staff: Presentation and discussion of peer MPO practices for engaging TIP project proponents and setting benchmarks for progress in the project development process
- 5. Discussion of Past MPO Conversations on TIP Project Cost-Effectiveness, Matt Genova, MPO Staff: Presentation and discussion of past MPO conversations on how to measure cost-effectiveness for TIP projects, including a review of prior technical assistance on this subject provided by Transportation for America
- 6. Discussion of Next Steps for the TIP Project Cost Ad Hoc Committee, Eric Bourassa, MPO Vice Chair: Discussion of committee members' desired next steps for the committee's work, including topics for discussion at upcoming committee meetings
- 7. **Members' Items:** Reports and notices by committee members, including regional concerns and local community issues

Civil Rights, nondiscrimination, and accessibility information is on page 2.

State Transportation Building • Ten Park Plaza, Suite 2150 • Boston, MA 02116-3968 Tel. (857) 702-3700 • TTY 711 • www.bostonmpo.org

## Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP Project Cost Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Agenda for June 17, 2021

### 8. Next Meeting: The committee will discuss the timing of the next meeting

#### Posted materials are available via the MPO's meeting calendar webpage at ctps.org/calendar/month.

Meeting locations are accessible to people with disabilities and are near public transportation. Upon request (preferably two weeks in advance of the meeting), every effort will be made to provide accommodations such as assistive listening devices, materials in accessible formats and in languages other than English, and interpreters in American Sign Language and other languages. Please contact MPO staff to request these services. See below for contact information.

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) operates its programs, services, and activities in compliance with federal nondiscrimination laws including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations. Title VI prohibits discrimination in federally assisted programs and requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin (including limited English proficiency), be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives federal assistance. Related federal nondiscrimination laws administered by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or both, prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, sex, and disability. The Boston Region MPO considers these protected populations in its Title VI Programs, consistent with federal interpretation and administration. In addition, the Boston Region MPO provides meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities to individuals with limited English proficiency, in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation policy and guidance on federal Executive Order 13166.

The Boston Region MPO also complies with the Massachusetts Public Accommodation Law, M.G.L. c 272 sections 92a, 98, 98a, which prohibits making any distinction, discrimination, or restriction in admission to, or treatment in a place of public accommodation based on race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or ancestry. Likewise, the Boston Region MPO complies with the Governor's Executive Order 526, section 4, which requires that all programs, activities, and services provided, performed, licensed, chartered, funded, regulated, or contracted for by the state shall be conducted without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, disability, veteran's status (including Vietnam-era veterans), or background.

A complaint form and additional information can be obtained by contacting the MPO or at <a href="http://www.bostonmpo.org/mpo\_non\_discrimination">http://www.bostonmpo.org/mpo\_non\_discrimination</a>. To request this information in a different language or in an accessible format, please contact

Title VI Specialist, Boston Region MPO, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116 civilrights@ctps.org

#### By Telephone:

857.702.3702 (voice)

For people with hearing or speaking difficulties, connect through the state MassRelay service:

- Relay Using TTY or Hearing Carry-over: 800.439.2370
- Relay Using Voice Carry-over: 866.887.6619
- Relay Using Text to Speech: 866.645.9870

For more information, including numbers for Spanish speakers, visit https://www.mass.gov/massrelay